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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Conversation with General HEUSINGER

1. Within the last few days we have had longer discussions with HEUSINGER on matters affecting ZIPPER within the German government (see MGLA-12649), the emerging remilitarization and the related intelligence problems.

2. The results of our conversations can be summarized as follows:

a. The problem of a G-2 of the Defense Ministry is of great concern to the military planners as well as ZIPPER. It is planned that all intelligence collection for the Defense Ministry and the German Army will be conducted by the national intelligence service, under the chancellery. It is questionable whether the G-2 under the Defense Ministry and the general officers will have sufficient confidence in collection results of military requirements from an agency over which they have no jurisdiction. Therefore HEUSINGER and UTILITY have a plan in mind to make the head of the national intelligence service evaluation group also the G-2 of the Defense Ministry. He would hold both positions under military rank, and be responsible to both the GIS and Defense Ministry. This plan was conceived as ideal only because the ZIPPER chief of evaluation, WIELAND, has the background and qualifications to be acceptable to both parties. HEUSINGER is quite confident they will succeed in this plan.

b. HEUSINGER feels it will be necessary to move the GIS from Pullach to within one or two hours driving time from Bonn, sometime after it has been integrated into the government.

c. In connection with signal communications discussion, HEUSINGER stated he offered HOEBEL the position as Chief Signal Officer of the German Army. HOEBEL reportedly declined the offer on the grounds he wished to have a position of Chief Signal Officer of the German joint services. The Bundespost relationship to ZIPPER communication problems came up and HEUSINGER stated two reasons for apparent lack of cooperation on the part of the Bundespost are that (1) their top people do not like HOEBEL personally and (2) they feel that lengthy discussions with ZIPPER are unfruitful as long as the organization has no official status.

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d. German military contingents will contain "Abwehr Abteilungen" similar to our CIC units with similar missions of detecting treason, sedition, subversion activities, etc. It is not clear at this time whether these abwehr units will be under the jurisdiction of the G-1 or G-2.

e. Hans SPEIDEL in Paris has informed HEUSINGER that General Ridgway wants HEUSINGER to visit him in the near future to discuss strategy of European Defense.

f. Regarding the recurring and prevailing rumors that CSU Franz Joseph ~~X~~ STRAUSS has the ambition to become Germany's first Defense Minister, HEUSINGER stated that STRAUSS informed him that he has no aspiration towards that position, in spite of rumors to the contrary. STRAUSS's ambition is to become the next Minister President of Bavaria.

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